

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the telephone interview on 11/08/2004. Applicants' representative discussed the independent claims with the Examiner. Pursuant to the discussion in the interview, Applicants have amended claims 18 and 25.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims, namely claims 18-31, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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